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POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, September 4, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioner's Room

AGENDA

1. 10:30 A.M. - Sheriff Dale Kowalkowski and Undersheriff John O'Hagan will appear before the Committee to request funds from the Education Fund Policy.
2. 10:40 A.M. - Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk, will appear before the Committee to request funds from the Education Fund.
3. 10:50 A.M. - Ford Stone, Prosecuting Attorney, will appear before the Committee to request funds from the Education Fund.
4. Review and discuss miscellaneous Resolutions from other Counties. (APPENDIX A)
5. Other items from Committee members.
6. Adjournment.

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the SAFETY COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, State Representative Richard LaBlace (D-Westland) has introduced House Bills 4028, 4747, and 4907 to make the use of motorcycle helmets optional; and

WHEREAS, this legislation seems to come up every spring when the riding season starts; and

WHEREAS, all studies have shown that the use of helmets saves lives; and

WHEREAS, the insurance rates of the general public would be certain to increase; and

WHEREAS, this desire is of a small minority of special interests; and

WHEREAS, we, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, feel that the saving of lives is paramount and we put the safety and well being of our citizens on a high plain; now

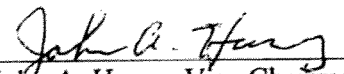
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners urges all state legislators to oppose these bills as this is an issue of public safety and common sense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representative Terry Brown, Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Respectfully submitted,

SAFETY COMMITTEE


Clark Elftman, Chairman


John A. Horny, Vice Chairman

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, the economic times in the State of Michigan are at a critical state and have been for some time; and

WHEREAS, the benefit package for state legislators is completely out of line with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, we, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, are in agreement with any legislator that would seek to present legislation to curtail or pare back legislative benefits; and

WHEREAS, HB 5019 has been sent to committee and has found co-sponsorship from state house legislators; and

WHEREAS, we feel it is time for all state legislators to support this resolution and eliminate this wasteful spending practice; and


WHEREAS, the people of Huron County have expressed a desire to see this happen, thus we urge our Representative Terry Brown and our Senator Jim Barcia to give this issue their complete support; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners adamantly urges our state legislators, Representative Terry Brown and Senator Jim Barcia, to fully support HB 5019 in an effort to limit the benefit package received by our state legislators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representative Terry Brown, Senator Jim Barcia, Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Respectfully submitted,

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


Kurt E. Damrow, Chairman

Resolution

GRATIOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ITHACA, MICHIGAN 48847

RESOLUTION #2009-95

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND PROMISES AND FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RESTORE REVENUE SHARING FOR ALL MICHIGAN'S 83 COUNTIES

Whereas, the counties of Michigan work on behalf of the State of Michigan to provide numerous state mandated services; and,

Whereas, counties depend heavily upon State Revenue Sharing to provide numerous essential public health, safety, and welfare services; and,

Whereas, the residents of the State of Michigan and Gratiot County demand an efficient, professional level of public service; and,

Whereas, in 2005 State Revenue Sharing payments were discontinued to counties relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual state payments to counties with the promise and agreement that these payments would be restored when each of the individual county's temporary Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund was exhausted; and,

Whereas, the residents of Gratiot County should be entitled to services funded in whole or in part by State Revenue Sharing, such as Road Patrol, Animal Control, MSU Extension Services, Veterans Affairs and more; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners hereby support and urge the State of Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises to fully and unconditionally restore State Revenue Sharing for all Michigan's 83 counties; and ,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Roger Kahn, Representative Paul Opsommer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

JULY 8, 2009

OPPOSE SJR-H BILL

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the property tax system in the State of Michigan is an ad valorem system and as such property owners pay, within the framework of the Constitution, equitable taxes based on the value of their property; and

WHEREAS, Proposal A was passed by the voters of the State of Michigan in 1994 to limit the increase taxable value, within the existing and continuing ad valorem framework in such a way as to allow a property owner to predict future property tax burden by the change in the consumer price index and physical improvements to the property while that owner held the property; and

WHEREAS, many property owners have received significant benefits from the limitation on increase in taxable value mandated by Proposal A by paying property taxes on a basis less than the value of their property and continue to realize that significant benefit in the current economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, recent purchasers of property, many younger and with less stability in their finances, are already shouldering a greater share of the relative tax burden because the basis for their property taxes is the full value of their property; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate has passed Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR-H), a proposal to amend Article 9, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan by requiring that, effective in 2010, the taxable value of a property would be unchanged if the assessed value of that property declined and the taxable value was less than the assessed value; and

WHEREAS, while the intent of Proposal A was to provide stability and predictability for property owners, the intent of this proposed amendment is to, in declining markets, freeze the position of relative tax benefits that certain property owners enjoy while other property owners continue to pay property taxes on the constitutional ad valorem basis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the unfair shift in relative tax burden that will result from this proposal, the reduced revenue to local taxing authorities will likely result in reduced services, increased millage rates or both, which will exacerbate the shift in the relative tax burden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners opposes Senate Joint Resolution H, (SJR-H), because the proposal contradicts the long history of a fair and equitable tax structure in the State of Michigan and promotes poor tax policy by shifting the relative tax burden of the property tax without regard to the consequences to affected taxpayers and local taxing authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners opposes SJR-H because it does not provide an equitable solution to Michigan's property tax concerns, the Charlevoix County Board requests that the Legislature of the State of Michigan work together with the Governor to examine all taxes, including the Michigan Business Tax, income tax, sales tax, use tax, and property tax with a goal of providing a means of generating revenue and managing expenditures that is fair and equitable to all the taxpayers of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, the Michigan Association of Counties, all Municipalities within Charlevoix County, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Submitted by:
Bob Drebestedt

Supported by:
Ron Reinhardt

CERTIFIED	
Cheryl Potter Browe, County Clerk	
<i>Cheryl Potter Browe</i>	07-10-09
DEPUTY	DATE

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22 IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 4785 AND
4786 – EXPANSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND
ACCEPTANCE OF \$138 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Michigan's unemployment rate has reached staggering levels due to the national recession; and

WHEREAS, the bankruptcy of General Motors and Chrysler Corporation has further added to the economic hardship of Michigan's working families; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 makes additional unemployment benefits available to individual states; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's share of these federal dollars would total \$138 million that would go directly to unemployed workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of these funds would help pay for necessities such as food and shelter which in turn will bolster local merchants and help to stabilize the housing market; and

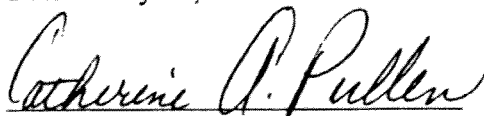
WHEREAS, the Michigan House has passed legislation that would expand unemployment benefits for workers in training programs and those seeking part-time employment; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this legislation is necessary to become eligible for the \$138 million in federal stimulus aid.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the Michigan Senate to pass and Governor Jennifer Granholm to sign into law House Bills 4785 and 4786 as soon as possible so that these federal dollars can rapidly be brought into our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Michigan's 38 State Senators, Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Dated: July 13, 2009



Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF LAKE
Resolution #1205**

Resolution in Opposition of House Bill Numbers 4028, 4747 and 4907

WHEREAS, State Representative Richard LaBlace (D-Wesland) has introduced House Bills 4028, 4747 and 4907 to make the use of motorcycle helmets optional; and

WHEREAS, this legislation seems to come up every spring when the riding season starts; and

WHEREAS, all studies have shown that the use of helmets saves lives; and

WHEREAS, the insurance rates of the general public would be certain to increase; and

WHEREAS, this desire is of a small minority of special interests; and

WHEREAS, we, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, feel that the saving of lives is paramount and we put the safety and well being of our citizens on a high plain; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Board of Commissioners urges all state legislators to oppose these bills as this is an issue of public safety and common sense; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representative Geoff Hansen, Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN))SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, Lori DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lake, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on July 8, 2009.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Baldwin, Michigan, this 8th day of July, 2009.

Lori DeWolf
Lori DeWolf, Deputy Clerk of the Board

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4893

WHEREAS, House Bill 4893 currently before the Michigan House Judiciary Committee will amend 1953 PA 181 by amending section 5 (MCL 52.205), as amended 2006 PA 569, in regard to Medical Examiner retention of body and organ tissue; and

WHEREAS, the Alger County Medical Examiner, Dr. Christine Krueger, M.D. has requested Alger County Board of Commissioners support for House Bill 4893.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby supports House Bill No. 4893 as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Mike Prusi, Representative Steven Lindberg, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

Dated: August 10, 2009



Catherine A. Pullen, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 4785 AND 4786 – EXPANSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS
AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$138 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS**

RESOLUTION #09-199

WHEREAS, Michigan's unemployment rate has reached staggering levels due to the national recession; and

WHEREAS, the bankruptcy of General Motors and Chrysler Corporation has further added to the economic hardship of Michigan's working families; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 makes additional unemployment benefits available to individual states; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's share of these federal dollars would total \$138 million that would go directly to unemployed workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of these funds would help pay for necessities such as food and shelter which in turn will bolster local merchants and help to stabilize the housing market; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan House has passed legislation that would expand unemployment benefits for workers in training programs and those seeking part-time employment; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this legislation is necessary to become eligible for the \$138 million in federal stimulus aid.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the Michigan Senate to pass and Governor Jennifer Granholm to sign into law House Bills 4785 and 4786 as soon as possible so that these federal dollars can rapidly be brought into our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Michigan's 38 State Senators, Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

I, Daniel R. McKinney, Clerk for the County of Schoolcraft, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Schoolcraft, Michigan on August 18, 2009 as appears on record in my office, and that I have compared the same with the original and that it is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at Manistique, Michigan this 19th day of August, 2009.

Daniel R. McKinney, SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY CLERK

MANISTEE-BENZIE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Organization (MBCMHO) is a community mental health organization of the counties of Benzie and Manistee, organized under the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code), and,

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL 330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health service program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service are, and,

WHEREAS, MBCMHO has demonstrated such willingness and capacity, and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232a of the Code (MCL 330.1232a), and,

WHEREAS, Section 308 of the Code (MCL 330.1308) requires that the State shall pay 90% of the “annual net cost of a community mental health services program that is established and administered in accordance with chapter 2,” and,

WHEREAS, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers, but which have no legal authority to receive or distribute state General Fund dollars, except for those received by the Community Mental Health Services Program of which they are legally a part, and,

WHEREAS, Section 470 of the S-1 version of HB4436, the 2010 budget bill for the Department of Community Health, presently under consideration, calls for distribution of state General Fund dollars to the PIHPs, rather than to the Community Mental Health Services Programs, without any accompanying changes in the Code language cited above, and,

WHEREAS, such a distribution is a major change in the relationship of the Department of Community Health to Community Mental Health Services Programs, including MBCMHO, in a manner which is not contemplated by the Code, and

WHEREAS, this change substantially undermines the ability of MBCMCHO and a number of other Community Mental Health Services Programs to function as autonomous and/or county entities, as is anticipated under the terms of the Code, and,


WHEREAS, the operation of Community Mental Health Services Programs as local entities, with substantial responsibility to local county government, has been a basic principle of the strong success that Community Mental Health Services Programs have had in serving the people of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services Organization strongly opposes the language proposed in Section 470 of the S-1 version of the Department of Community Health Budget bill which would allocate state General Fund allocations for Community Mental Health services through PIHPs instead of directly to Community Mental Health Service Programs, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request that members of the Senate and House review these concerns, and remove this language from Section 470 of this budget bill, replacing it with the allocation process which is in compliance with the Code, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Jennifer Grandholm, Sen. Michelle McManus, Rep. Dan Scripps, MDCH Director Janet Olszewski, Benzie and Manistee County Commissioners, MDCH Deputy Director Michael Head, Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, and all Michigan CMH Boards.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Organization at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 9, 2009.


Donald Smeltzer
Chairman of the Board

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

301 N. Main St. Courthouse

Adrian, MI 49221

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VICE-CHAIR

Ralph Tillotson



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority (LCMHA) is a community mental health authority of the county of Lenawee, organized under the terms of Section 205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code) MCL330.1205; and

WHEREAS, section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

WHEREAS, LCMHA has demonstrated such willingness and capacity, and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232a of the Code (MCL330.1232a); and

WHEREAS, Section 308 of the Code (MCL330.1308) requires that the state shall pay 90% of the "annual net cost of a community mental health services program that is established and administered in accordance with chapter 2,"; and

WHEREAS, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers, but which have no legal authority to receive or distribute state General Fund dollars, except for those received by the Community Mental Health Services Program of which they are legally a part; and

WHEREAS, Section 470 of the S-1 version of HB4436, the 2010 budget bill for the Department of Community Health, presently under consideration, calls for distribution of state General Fund dollars to the PIHPs, rather than to the Community Mental Health Services Programs, without any accompanying changes in the Code language cited above; and

WHEREAS, such a distribution is a major change in the relationship of the Department of Community Health to Community Mental Health Services Programs, including Lenawee, in a manner which is not contemplated by the Code; and

WHEREAS, this change substantially undermines the ability of Lenawee and a number of other Community Mental Health Services Programs to function as autonomous and/or county entities, as is anticipated under the terms of the Code; and

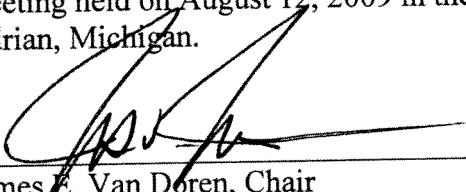
WHEREAS, the operation of Community Mental Health Services Programs as local entities, with substantial responsibility to local county government, has been a basic principle of the strong success that Community Mental Health Services Programs have had in serving the people of Michigan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the language proposed in Section 470 of the S-1 version of the Department of Community Health Budget bill which would allocate state General Fund allocations for Community Mental Health services through PIHPs instead of directly to Community Mental Health Services Programs; and

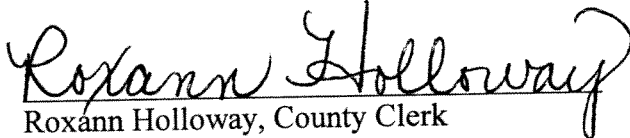
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners request that members of the Senate and House review these concerns, and remove this language from Section 470 of this budget bill, replacing it with the allocation process which has been used for several years, and which is in compliance with the Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor J. Granholm, Senator C. Brown, Senator R. Jelinek, Representative D. Spade, Representative M. Simpson, Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan county boards.

Passed by roll call vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on August 12, 2009 in the Old County Courthouse, Adrian, Michigan.



James E. Van Doren, Chair



Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

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BENZIE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Benzie County Commissioners has agreed that Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Organization (MBCMHO) is our community mental health organization of the counties of Benzie and Manistee, organized under the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code) via the Urban Cooperation Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL 330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health service program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

WHEREAS, MBCMHO has demonstrated such willingness and capacity, and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232a of the Code (MCL 330.1232a); and

WHEREAS, Section 308 of the Code (MCL 330.1308) requires that the State shall pay 90% of the "annual net cost of a community mental health services program that is established and administered in accordance with chapter 2;" and

WHEREAS, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers, but which have no legal authority to receive or distribute state General Fund dollars, except for those received by the Community Mental Health Services Program of which they are legally a part; and

WHEREAS, Section 470 of the S-1 version of HB4436, the 2010 budget bill for the Department of Community Health, presently under consideration, calls for distribution of State General Fund dollars to the PIHPs, rather than to the Community Mental Health Services Programs, without any accompanying changes in the Code language cited above; and

WHEREAS, such a distribution is a major change in the relationship of the Department of Community Health to Community Mental Health Services Programs, including MBCMHO, in a manner which is not contemplated by the Code; and

WHEREAS, this change substantially undermines the ability of MBCMHO and a number of other Community Mental Health Services Programs to function as autonomous and/or county entities, as is anticipated under the terms of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the operation of Community Mental Health Services Program as local entities, with substantial responsibility to local county government, has been a basic principle of the strong success that Community Mental Health Services Programs have had in serving the people of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benzie County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the language proposed in Section 470 of the S-1 version of the Department of

Community Mental Health services through PIHPs instead of directly to Community Mental Health Service Programs; and

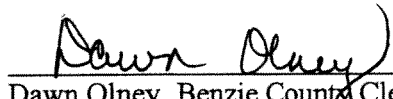
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request that members of the State and House review these concerns, and remove this language from Section 470 of this budget bill, replacing it with the allocation process which has been used in the past and which is in compliance with the Code; and

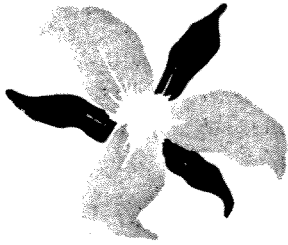
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Michelle McManus, Representative Dan Scripps, MDCH Director Janet Olszewski, Benzie and Manistee County Commissioners, MDCH Deputy Director Michael Head, Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and all Michigan CMH Boards.

Dated: July 21, 2009


Donald R. Tanner, Chairman

I, Dawn Olney, Clerk to the Benzie County Board of Commissioners, hereby do certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Benzie County Board of Commissioners on the 21st day of July, 2009.


Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk



ANTRIM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
P.O. Box 520
Bellaire, Michigan 49615
Phone (231) 533-6353
Fax (231) 533-6935
Chairman:

July 20, 2009

At the July 9, 2009 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION #27-09 by Michael Crawford, seconded by Laurie Stanek

WHEREAS, the economic times in the State of Michigan are at a critical state and have been for some time; and

WHEREAS, the benefit package for state legislators is completely out of line with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, we the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, are in agreement with any legislator that would seek to present legislation to curtail or pare back legislative benefits; and

WHEREAS, HB 5019 has been sent to committee and has found co-sponsorship from state house legislators; and

WHEREAS, we feel it is time for all state legislators to support this resolution and eliminate this wasteful spending practice; and

WHEREAS, the people of Antrim County have expressed a desire to see this happen, thus we urge our Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and our Senator Jason Allen to give this issue their complete support; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners adamantly urges our state legislators, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and Senator Jason Allen, to fully support HB 5019 in an effort to limit the benefit package received by our state legislators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Senator Jason Allen, Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Yes – Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laurie Stanek, Bernie Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

No - None

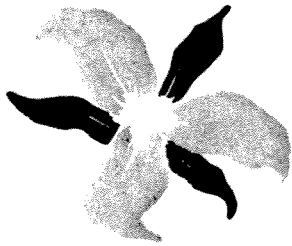
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #27-09 DECLARED ADOPTED

ANTRIM COUNTY CLERK, BELLAIRE MI
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM, ss
I, Laura Sexton, Clerk of the County of Antrim do certify
the above is a true and exact copy of the original record
now remaining in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and
official seal at the Village of Bellaire in said county
this 20th day of July, 2009


Laura Sexton County Clerk



**ANTRIM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

P.O. Box 520
Bellaire, Michigan 49615
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Chairman:

July 20, 2009

At the July 9, 2009 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION #28-09 by Michael Crawford, seconded by David Howelman

WHEREAS, encouraging Brownfield site redevelopment is critical to building a strong economic base for the future of Antrim County; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, Part 201 (the Act), created the Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA), a mechanism whereby developers can take ownership of a Brownfield site without incurring liability for previous site contamination, which has been successful in encouraging Brownfield redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded grants to conduct site assessment activities, including BEAs, at sites potentially contaminated with hazardous substances in order to make Brownfield redevelopment attractive for potential developers; and

WHEREAS, redesign of the Act, by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) proposes to (a) eliminate the Baseline Environmental Assessment, (b) make liability protection dependent on implementation of due care activities, (c) encourage remediation of contaminated sites to unspecified levels through third party lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, provisions have not been made to exclude local units of government, Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities and Land Bank Fast Track Authorities from incurring liability; and

WHEREAS, the failure to protect these entities from being subject to third party lawsuits, will halt grant activities, jeopardizing funding resources; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty about the full extent and cost of activities necessary to get and maintain liability protection will result in potential developers removing Brownfield sites from development consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Antrim County Board of Commissioners opposes the changes to the Act,, proposed by the DEQ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the will of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners that BEA's should not be eliminated from the Act; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the will of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners that completion of a BEA shall result in liability protection from contamination caused by a previous owner.

Yes – Jerroll Drenth, Eugene Dawson, Larry Bargy, Jack White, David Howelman,
Michael Crawford, Laurie Stanek, Bernie Blackmore, Joseph Allen;

No - None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #28-09 DECLARED ADOPTED.

ANTRIM COUNTY CLERK, BELLAIRE MI
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM, ss
I, Laura Sexton, Clerk of the County of Antrim, do certify
the above is a true and exact copy of the original record
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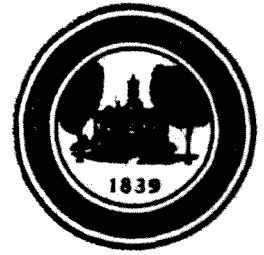
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and
official seal at the Village of Bellaire in said county
this 20th day of July, 2009

 County Clerk

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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09-19
07/14/2009

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AND RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department is responsible for providing preventive and mandated public health services, including but not limited to, communicable disease control, food service sanitation, sexually transmitted disease control, immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, drinking water supply safety and onsite sewage management; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between local health departments and the State of Michigan to bear half (50%) of the cost of providing these services has not been maintained by the State; and

WHEREAS, the burden of fulfilling these requirements to provide the most basic services is becoming increasingly more challenging for local health departments to meet; and

WHEREAS, the lack of increases in State funding has increased the burden on local government to fund programs the state mandates and today local government health departments fund 70% of the cost of state mandated services; and

WHEREAS, the demand for services such as Family Plan immunizations, and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) have increased exponentially in the past year due to the downturn in Michigan's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan Legislature add \$5 million for Local Public Health Operations (LPHO) in the Department of Community Health budget for fiscal year 2009-2010; and

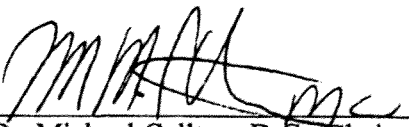
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan State Legislature restore the following (Healthy Michigan Fund and Department of Community Health) cuts proposed in the Governor's budget recommendation:

- Reductions in Sexually Transmitted Disease funding
- Reductions in Family Planning funding
- Elimination of methamphetamine clean-up funding
- Reductions in chronic disease prevention
- Elimination of funding for poison control center

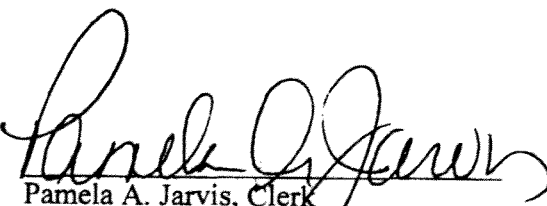
- Elimination of funding for the Nurse Family Partnership
- Elimination of funding for Local Public Health Physician Recruitment Project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners implores the Michigan Legislature to not make any further reductions to State revenue sharing payments to counties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Michigan State Senators and Representatives serving the residents of Barry County, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.



Dr. Michael Callton, D.C., Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

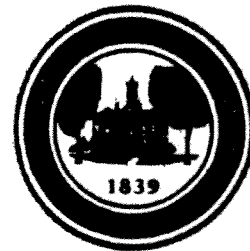


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09-17
07/14/2009

RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE BARRY COUNTY FROM CHILD CARE FUNDING INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Barry County Board of Commissioners places the highest priority on improving the lives of children, and strongly believes local determinations are most effective in protecting vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan was sued by an out-of-state child welfare group called Children's Rights; and


WHEREAS, the State of Michigan settled this suit out of court by agreeing in part to require relatives caring for kin to become licensed foster homes; and


WHEREAS, the State of Michigan failed to consult with counties prior to reaching an agreement with Children's Rights even though the settlement will require that counties be the source for 50% of the funding for foster care and juvenile justice in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties has determined that the State's decision could cost local funding units thirty-two million dollars annually.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners endorses, supports, and strongly encourages the Michigan Legislature and Governor working with the Michigan Association of Counties to pursue any and all activities which will relieve Barry County of this unsolicited financial commitment and obligation (unfunded mandate).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Patricia Birkholz, Representative Brian Calley, Governor Jennifer Granholm, the County Clerks of the other 82 Michigan Counties and the Michigan Association of Counties.

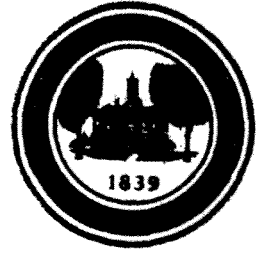

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RESOLUTION TO RESTORE STATE REVENUE SHARING PAYMENTS TO MICHIGAN COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the counties of Michigan work on behalf of the State of Michigan to provide numerous state mandated services, and

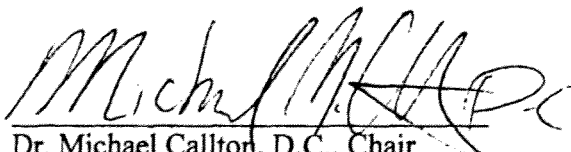
WHEREAS, counties depend heavily upon state revenue sharing to provide numerous essential public health, safety and welfare services, and

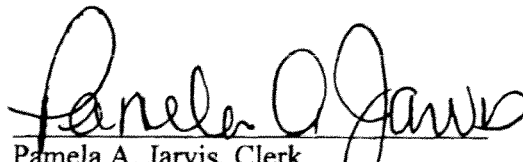
WHEREAS, the residents of the State of Michigan and Barry County demand an efficient, professional level of public services, and

WHEREAS, in 2005 State Revenue Sharing payments were discontinued to counties, relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual state revenue sharing payments to counties, with the promise and agreement that these payments would be restored when each of the individual county's Revenue Sharing Reserve Funds were exhausted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and urge the State of Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises and fully and unconditionally restore State Revenue sharing for all of Michigan's 83 counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Legislature for their review, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.


Dr. Michael Callton, D.C., Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners


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